

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-27-01

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE RECRUITERS
ALL COUNTY FOSTER CARE LICENSING WORKERS
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CALIFORNIA STATE CARE PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
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REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- ☐ State Law Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: MAY 2001 PROCLAIMED FOSTER CARE MONTH

Recently, Governor Gray Davis proclaimed May 2001 as "Foster Care Month." In honor of California's out-of-home care providers and the children in their care, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Children and Family Services Division, Foster Care Branch will be hosting the Second Annual Foster Care Awareness Month celebrations. The statewide events will be held concurrently at William Land Park in Sacramento and El Dorado Park in Long Beach on May 12, 2001 from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m.

The celebratory events will include a variety of activities for children and care providers including: foster youth success stories, guest dignitary speakers, celebrity guest speakers, games, story tellers, puppet shows, arts and crafts, raffle items, music and food. All out-of-home care providers and their families are invited to join in the celebrations.

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The CDSS encourages all counties to coordinate their celebratory events honoring out-of-home care providers and their families during the month of May 2001. The foster care recognition events should highlight the dedication of care providers in opening their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis. These events should also recognize the diligent efforts of public and private agency staff members who work to locate appropriate homes for children in out-of-home care.

Foster Care Month plays an important role in recruiting new foster parents by increasing the public's awareness of the number of children in out-of-home care, and the positive impact care providers have in the lives of children.

If you have any questions regarding the Second Annual Foster Care Awareness Month celebrations, please contact Kim McKeown at (916) 322-9783.

Sincerely,

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c: CWDA